These drugs are being produced by various organised sector companies including Public Sector and Small Scale Sector Companies. According to the import statistics for the year 1983-84, except Diazepam all the above drugs are also being imported to cater for the indigenous demand.

Activities of John Wyeth & Brother Limited

621. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Blitz' of the 13th July, 1985 captioned 'Boost to multis will oust Indian companies;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that Geoffray Manners holds the Industrial Licence for all products of M|s. John Wyeth & Bros. Limited;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this company is manufacturing and marketing all the said products on behalf of M|s. John Wyeth & Bros. Limited;

(d) if so when and on what basis his Ministry recommended to the Reserve Bank of India|Finance Ministry that John Wyeth & Bros. are engaged in trading activity;

(e) at what rate are John Wyeth & Bros. importing Lorazepam from their principals; and

(f) what is the quantity imported during the last two years year-wise alongwith CIF price ,per kg. indicating the source of import?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) M|s. John Wyeth (India) Ltd., have reported that they are getting 14 items manufactured by M|s. Geoffray Manners under a manufacturing Agreement.

(d) M|s. John Wyeth (India) Ltd., are getting all their items manufactured from other companies on Loan Licence basis and as such are engaged in trading activity.

(e) and (f) No import of Lorazepam have been reported by the company during the last two years.

Drugs manufactured by Geoffray Manners on behalf of John Wyeth & Brothers Limited

622. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Blitz of the 13th July, 1985 captioned Surreptitious marketing';

(b) if so, what are the names of the products which John Wyeth & Bros. Limited are gettting manufactured from Geoffray Manners alongwith the year of initial manufacture;

(c) what are the prices fixed for each pack and the strength of each product alongwith the date of approval;

(d) whether the purchase invoice of each bulk drug was verified before fixing the formulation price of each product;

(e) if so, what was the price taken into account of each bulk drug while working out the price of each formulation; and

(f) what were the annual sales turn over-pre-tax profits and remittances of Jhon Wyeth & Bros. Ltd., during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (f) M|s. John Wyeth & Brothers are getting manufactured 14 items from M|s. Geoffray Manners, under Manufacturing Agreement from around 1943. Information to the extent available would be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Ban on new capacities for semi-synthetic penicillines

623. SHRI (MOLANA) ASRARUL HAQ: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned 'Ministry Damns Local Drug Units' which appeared in the "Blitz" of the 13th July, 1985;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that there was a ban on grant of new capacity and expension for the manufacture of semi-synthetic pencillines ending April, 1985 on account of excess capacities already established;

(c) if so, what are the names of the semi-synthetic Pencilines drugs which have been included in the delicensing list alongwith production of each during the last three years, year-wise;

(d) what were the reasons which suddenly forced Government to reverse the decision; and

(e) whether it is also a fact that an Indian company was denied permission to manufacture the bulk drug for export while a multinational company was given permission for manufacture of a formulation for export?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) (a) This Ministry has seen the press reports to this effect.

(b) Government had imposed a temporary ban for a perod of one year in April, 1984 on further licensing on 6 APA and semi-synthetic Pencillins.

(c) Among semi-synthetic Pencillins, only Ampicillin and its formulations have been delicensed. Production of Ampicillin in the organised sector during the three years has been as under:

			Production	
	Unit	1981—82	1982—83	1983—84
Ampicillin	Tonnes	79.69	122.50	123.62

(d) There is no reversal of the Government decision. The scheme of delicensing, has so far extended to bulk drugs and formulations, is intended to simplify licensing procedures for non-FERA and non-MRTP companies in respect of articles not reserved for small scale/public sector.

(e) In January, 1984 M/S Cipla had applied for DGTD registration for the manufacture of Ranitidine from penultimate stage for 100% export till the drug is cleared for marketing in the country. The Ministry reviewed the position in regard to such cases and , as the DGTD does not have machanism to monitor export, recommended to the DGTD that in all such cases the company should be asked to apply for Industrial Licence for 100% export. DGTD concurred this Ministry's Views and rejected the application. Prior to January, 1984 DGTD registrations were granted for export of drugs not approved for marketing in the country.

Import Tetracycline Hel.

624. SHRI (MOLANA) ASRARUL HAQ: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tetracycline Hcl was imported in huge quantities during the last three years by drug formulators and drug importers;